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Chapitre 67

Enough is enough!
A splendid sanctuary, but with no offerings, ..
.. just for the sake of appearances.
Is that the "girls's sanctuary"?
Then, who are they?
Ghosts? Guardians of the cemetery?

Unless there's something more behind this?

Nemo and the young "gardeners"...
... do they know everything?
Panic
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I SHOULD MAKE A REPORT BUT I'M GONNA BE IN TROUBLE
THEY'LL KNOW THAT WE CAME WITHOUT ANY AUTHORIZATION
Zwuuk
THE
OH!
DO
THEY'RE OVER THERE!
THEY'RE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WEST GATE!
WE CAN'T GO THERE
IT'S A "LEVEL A" POLLLITED AREA
A DANGEROUS AREA WHERE EVEN US GARDENERS HAVE A RESTRICTED ACCESS
IT WOULD BE WISER TO TELL THE GUARDS ABOUT THIS!
Do you think so?

WAIIIIT !!!
I JUST TOLD YOU! IT'S FORBIDDEN!
ESCAPE!
HOP
POF
よし
PROFESSOR GUY!
NOBODY IS PERMITED TO GO THERE!
To tell the truth, I also know nothing
The Higher Ground island is alive
I ignore how much Opitz knows about that
Underwater, a perpetual change is happening

HEEY!
DAMN BRAT!
THAT'S ENOUGH NOW!
YOU LITTLE THIEF!!!

ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
I KEPT QUIET UNTIL NOW BECAUSE YOU'RE JADE'S FAMILY BUT
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
STOP EATING!
WILL YOU STOP?
MY PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN!!!
CRUNCH!
NOW, YOU'RE GONNA PAY WHAT YOU OWE ME!
HM !!!
AH !!!
GRRR!
CRASH
CRAC
WHAT?!
OKAY?

NAGUIRI VILLAGE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE TO BE BURNED
ACCORDING TO WHAT I'VE HEARD
GAMELI AND MAGNOLIDE WERE ALSO BURNT DOWN.
VLAN
THEY'RE ALL ...
... VILLAGES FAR IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE.
THE FIRES HAVE ONLY BEEN STARTING IN ISOLATED VILLAGES
VLAN

CLANG
あああああ!
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THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THEY'RE SIMPLE ACCIDENTS OR NOT.
CLANG
MAYBE THEY'RE PLUNDERERS?
NO.
UNLESS IT'S ABOUT PERSONAL REVENGE.
CLIC
CLIC

BOUM
IT'S A WITCH HUNT!
BESIDES, I HEARD THAT THE CHURCH IS PULLING THE STRINGS FROM THE SHADOWS
CRAAAC

HEEE!
HE'S GONNA DIE!
STOP!!!
Crack
Crack

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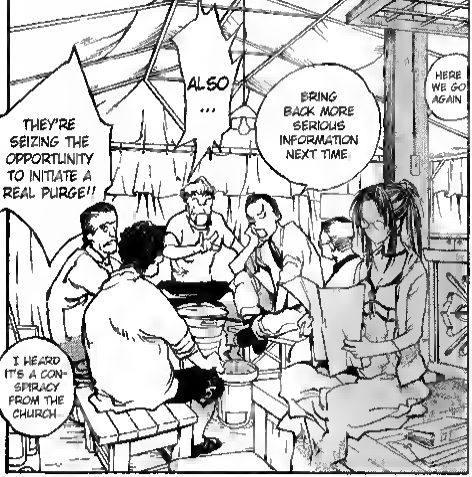
HUH? ん

GLUPS!

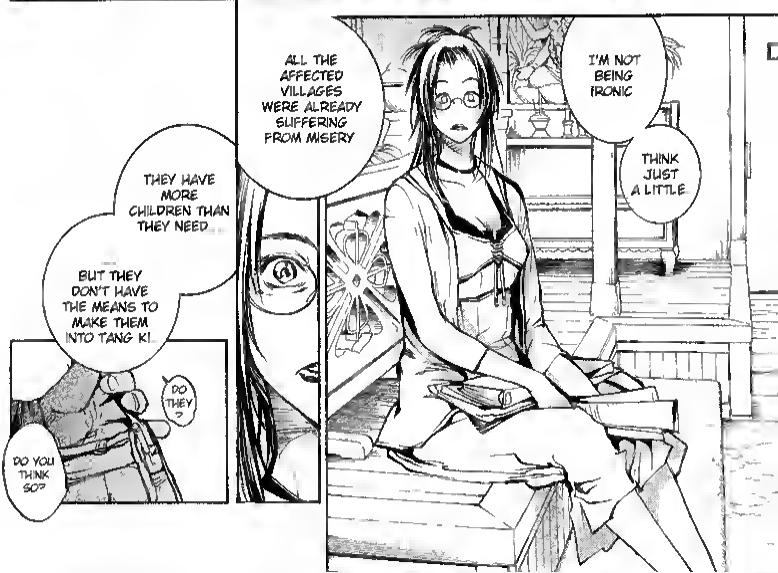

THEY'RE SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY TO INITIATE A REAL PURGE!!
ALSO ...
BRING BACK MORE SERIOUS INFORMATION NEXT TIME
HERE WE GO AGAIN
I HEARD IT'S A CONSPIRACY FROM THE CHURCH
I SWEAR
MY INFORMATION IS RELIABLE!
SOME SAY IT'S A NEW KIND OF PANDEMIC!

LOOK! EVEN JADE DOESN'T BELIEVE YOU!
WHAT?
WHAT'S THIS TALE?

IT MUST'VE BEEN HARD FOR PROFESSOR GUY
HE'S SEEN BOTH SIDES OF HER PERSONALITY
four
three
two
one
WELL
THAT'S ABOUT ALL
SO FAR, AMONGST THE SURVIVORS, WE'VE ONLY FOUND PROFESSOR GUY AND
"THE GIRL"
YES "THE GIRL"

SOMETIMES GOD'S WILL IS NOT FULLFILLED
THAT'S NOTHING NEW
IN THE END, "THE TOFFS" AREN'T VERY NICE
DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS?
WHAT?

ANYWAY, ONLY THE POORS ARE BEING OPPRESSED.
THAT'S WHY WE SAY GOOD PEOPLE DIE FIRST.
REALLY?


ALL THE AFFECTED VILLAGES WERE ALREADY SUFFERING FROM MISERY
I'M NOT BEING IRONIC
THINK JUST A LITTLE
THEY HAVE MORE CHILDREN THAN THEY NEED
BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO MAKE THEM INTO TANG KI
DO THEY ?
DO YOU THINK SO?

IT'S YOU?
OH!
YOU SCARED US, CHEN!!
BOUM
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR CHAT
SORRY, CHEN
IS THIS AN ADULT DISCUSSION?
NOBODY WANTS TO ANSWER ME
THAT'S NOT A REASON
ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE IT SHOULD BE PROFESSOR GUY'S TURN
WELL
IN FACT
Hehe
PROFESSOR JADE, ARE YOU ON GUARD DUTY TODAY?
BY THE WAY
IT DOESN'T MATTER
IT'S PART OF THE JOB
TAC
TAC
SKULL
FIGHT

FUZE HAD TO LEAVE
I'M REPLACING HIM
HE WENT TO HIGHER GROUND ISLAND
OH?
YOU HAD AN APPOINT-MENT WITH HIM?
NO
THE GIRL WITH THE CHAINS
BY THE WAY, I'VE SEEN YOUR FRIEND
SHE PUT THE MARKET UPSIDE DOWN
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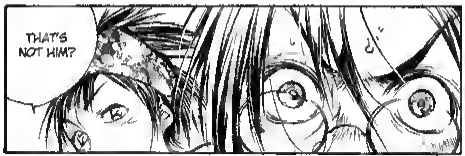
HEH?
WHAT?
NO WAY!
I EVEN LOCKED THE IRON DOOR!
TAP
I STOPPED HER RIGHT ON TIME SHE WAS ABOUT TO KILL A MERCHANT
HOW SHE DID IT IS BEYOND ME
BY THE WAY...
IS SHE YOUR CHILD PROFESSOR JADE?
HM?

VIUM


THAT'S NOT HIM?

THAT'S IMPRESSIVE
OH

AH
AH
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CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
HIIII!!!
HOW DID SHE CLIMB SO HIGH?!
WHERE DID SHE GO?!
WHERE
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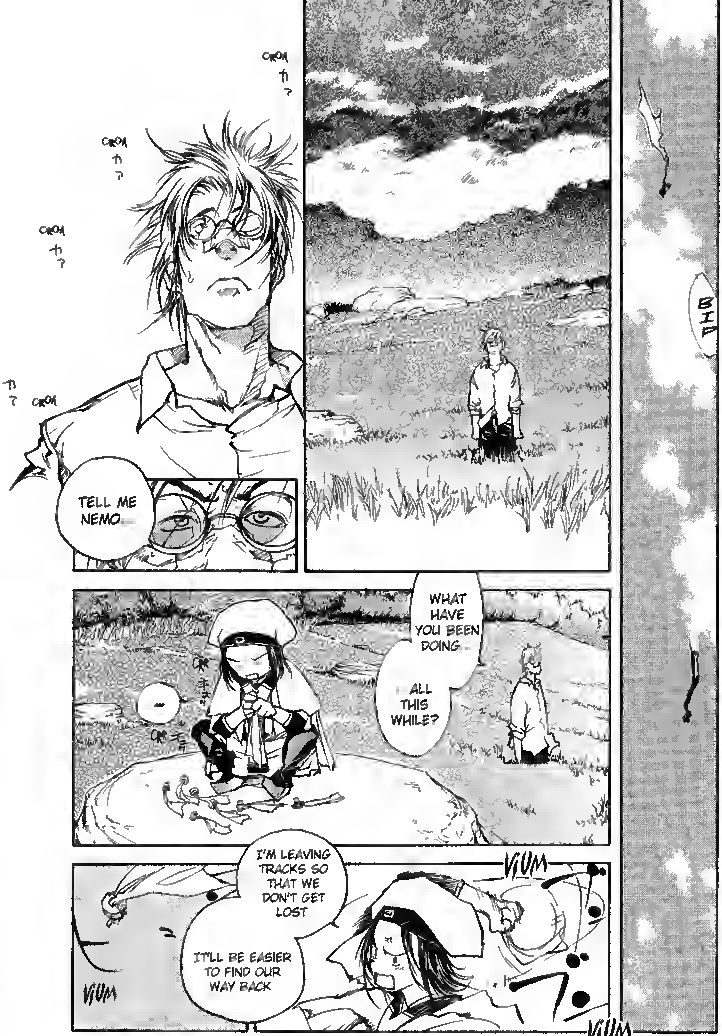
CROM
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TELL ME NEMO...
BIP
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THIS WHILE?
I'M LEAVING TRACKS SO THAT WE DON'T GET LOST
IT'LL BE EASIER TO FIND OUR WAY BACK
VUM
VUM
VUM

PLEASE STOP, NEMO
HE OH!
THAT'S THE THING DO WHEN ONE'S LOST
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME...
I SHOULD'VE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU I'M SORRY, NEMO
IT'S TRUE
I ADMIT, IT WAS FOOLISH TO RUN AFTER THEM
YES, YOU ARE
I'M NOT
YOU LOOK ANGRY
YES?
!?
I COULDN'T DISSUADE YOU
WHAT?
IT'S MY FAULT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE YOU
SOMEONE WITH SO LITTLE EXPERIENCE LIKE MYSELF COULDN'T BE A GOOD CHAPERON
VIUM
OKAY?
PLEASE STOP NOW! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

I KNEW NOTHING.
THIS IS NOT FAIR...
...
PROFESSOR.
NOTHING ABOUT THE ORIGINAL TAMARIX
NOTHING ABOUT THE DEEP MEANING OF THE SACRED TREE
IT MAKES ME SAD.
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW.
KNOWING THINGS THAT OTHERS IGNORE DOESN'T MAKE ME MORE IMPORTANT.
BESIDES, EVEN NOW, I KNOW NOTHING OF THE REALITIES OF THIS ISLAND.
EVEN IF I ACT LIKE I KNOW EVERYTHING, THOSE WHO ARE ACTUALLY TEACHING KNOW A LOT MORE THAN I DO
EVEN IF I'M A "GARDENER", I'M JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER HUMAN BEING ON THAT PARTICULAR MATTER.

BUT YOU WERE THERE DURING THE GREAT NATURAL DISASTER!
OUR GENERATION WAS CREATED AFTER-WARDS
IT WASN'T A NATURAL DISASTER.
IT WAS A DISASTER CAUSED BY THE HUMANS
ANY WAY...
THE ANCES-TORS OF THE CURRENT HIGH-LAND-ERS... WERE NATIVE INHABITANTS OF THE ISLAND, AND THEY CREATED THE FIRST GENERA-TION OF "GARDENERS" WHICH I M PART OF
VIUM
HAP!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS
THEY ALSO HAVE SURVIVED THE GREAT DISASTER.

BUT OPITZ AND I...
...REMEMBER ALMOST NOTHING.
WE HAVE NO MEMORY
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YOU ARE THERE, AREN'T YOU?
HEY!

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To be continued...